years of scarcity it is inconvenient to take steps under Section 97 during the year for which the rent is due. It is therefore prayed that the Land Revenue Code may be amended so as to make the rent a charge on the land.

Mr. Raghavachar presented a written representation signed by several inamdars.

Mr. Ramaswami Chetty spoke against any additional facilities being given to Inamdars.

Reply of Government.—It is recognised that inamdars do stand in need of some relief. The question of amending the Land Revenue Code so as to facilitate the recovery of arrears due to superior holders will be investigated.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Amendment of Stamp Regulation, II of 1900.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Section 40 (*b*) enacts that a penalty of Rs. 5 or of ten times the proper duty or of the deficient portion thereof, should be levied. This is very hard. The Deputy Commissioner has no discretion in the matter when he thinks that a penalty of Rs. 5 is too small and the alternative penalty is too high. To obviate this difficulty the section may be amended by inserting the words "of a sum not exceeding" between "if he thinks fit" and "ten times the amount," etc. Section 37 of the old Act (I of 1879) gave such a discretion.

Section 35 (*a*) may also be amended as above suggested.

Reply of Government.—The point will be noted for needful action when the Stamp Regulation is next taken up for revision.

SUBJECT No. 25.

Power to recover arrears due to Agricultural Banks under Section 194 of the Land Revenue Code.

Mr. H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Agricultural Banks in the State were established with the benevolent object of ameliorating the condition of the poor agriculturists and thus saving them from the clutches of the relentless usurers. In spite of the stringent measures adopted by the Banks to enforce payments punctually, many of the members are in arrears, owing to causes beyond their control. Adoption of compulsory measures to recover the arrears through Civil Courts is very expensive. It is therefore desirable that the Bank authorities should be empowered to realize the arrears under Section 194 of the Land Revenue Code, as the capital advanced to the Banks is Government money.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

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SUBJECT No. 26.

A Judicial Committee in the Mysore Council.

Messrs. M. Hassan Ali Beg and A. Anniah Pandit.

Summary of discussion.—Appeals against the decision of the High Court can be made to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. A similar Committee may